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5. DATE ISSUED	6. REQUISITION/PURCHASE NO.
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7. ISSUED BY CODE: 6395	8. ADDRESS OFFER TO (If other than Item 7)
USDA, MRP-BS Contracting Butler Square, Fifth Floor 100 North Sixth Street Mpls., MN 55403	

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations, "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

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9. Sealed offers in original and 0 copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if handcarried, in the depository located in the Contracting Section (See Item 7), until 2:30 p.m. local time on 03/27/02.

CAUTION--LATE Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals: See Section L, Provision No. 52.214-7 or 52.215-1. All offers are subject to all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. FOR INFORMA- A. NAME:	B. TELEPHONE NO.
TION CALL: José-Luis Gallagher	(Include Area Code) (NO COLLECT CALLS)
C. E-MAIL ADDRESS jose.l.gallagher@usda.gov	612-370-2226
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# PART I - THE SCHEDULE

# SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

# B.1 Schedule of Items

<pre>Item No.</pre>	<u>Description</u>	Qty.	<pre>Unit Price (Each)</pre>	<u>Total Price</u>
1	McDonnel Douglas MD-369C, D or E Model Turbine Powered Helicopter	1	\$	\$

#### SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

#### C.1 Background

The USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services Program (WS) has the immediate need to procure one (1) single engine turbine-powered helicopter (see Special Aircraft Requirements below). The WS program's aerial mission has a high exposure to and risk of accident potential compared to other Federal Government aviation programs and has been mandated to convert all agency-owned piston-driven helicopters to turbine-powered.

The mission of the WS aviation program is to support WS field operations in its efforts to alleviate or control damage to agricultural products caused by wild animals or birds. This must be accomplished as selectively and humanely as practical, and the use of light aircraft has proven to be one of the most selective, humane, and effective tools available to meet the mission requirements. Light single-engine helicopters are currently being used in most of the seventeen western states that comprise the WS Western Region and, with few exceptions, this use is west of the 100th meridian. These aircraft are primarily used for the aerial hunting and removal of predatory animals where livestock losses are high. Aerial hunting is conducted when losses are occurring and other methods are ineffective, inappropriate, or require excessive time and cost for acceptable loss reduction. The WS aviation program is extremely mission-specific in terms of pilot knowledge, skills and abilities, qualified flight crews, type of equipment, and customer-stakeholder base and relationships.

The WS program has complied with the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-76 which requires every government organization to conduct a study to determine the least cost alternative for operating their aircraft. The A-76 study, Aviation Services Study, is incorporated by reference for support of this acquisition.

#### C.2 Statement of Work

- I. Standard Aircraft Requirements: Section 2.2.4 of the Aviation Services Study, Aircraft Requirements Rotary Wing, details all aircraft and any special performance requirements. Sections 2.2.5 and 2.2.6 of the Study describes aircraft engine and avionics requirements. Reference is made to section 4.3.1.4 in the Study, Aircraft Considered-Rotary Wing, which describes the capabilities of 4 turbine-driven helicopters. The Study identified the McDonnell Douglas 500 model as the most cost-effective solution. Section 4.3.2.4 of the Study identifies that the Government-owned, Government operated is the most cost-effective method for the Federal Government to operate an aircraft. Thus, the MD-500 model was selected.
- II. Special Aircraft Requirements: Contractor shall provide (1) McDonnell Douglas 500 turbine-powered helicopter (MD-369C, D or E model) with the following minimum equipment requirements:
- Auxiliary fuel tank
- Dual controls.
- High skid gear.
- Cargo hook.
- Rotor brake.
- Ground handling wheels.
- Blade tie-downs.
- Engine intake and exhaust covers.
- Current flight manuals.
- Current maintenance manuals. (Airframe and engine)

Helicopters with mid-life or better overhaul items and life limited engine and airframe items will be given preference.

A mandatory test flight and maintenance inspection will be performed on all helicopters considered. Test flight and maintenance inspection will be at the vendors present location prior to any selection.

All aircraft records shall be current with alterations and repairs documented on FAA Form 337.

All aircraft inspections shall be up to date and properly documented in the aircraft records.

To maintain quality assurance of the aircraft, inspections of perspective aircraft by a qualified helicopter specialist shall commence at the location where the aircraft is maintained. The inspection will be at the expense of the government.

The Contractor shall be responsible for submitting inspection reports completed for subject aircraft.

Contractor shall be required to provide a list of additional equipment items not stated in Section II, Special Aircraft Requirements List.

Contractor shall be responsible for delivery of the helicopter. Delivery and final inspection and acceptance test flight will be at Helicopter Specialists, San Antonio, Texas. Payment will be contingent upon final inspection and final test flight evaluation results, post delivery.

Contact is: Lloyd Burraston (801) 975-3315

# SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

THERE ARE NO CLAUSES INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

THERE ARE NO CLAUSES INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION

#### SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

F.1 AGAR 452.211-75 EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT (FEB 1988)

The effective period of this contract is from date of award through August 15, 2002.

F.2 AGAR 452.247-70 DELIVERY LOCATION (FEB 1988)

Shipment of deliverable items, other than reports, shall be to:

Helicopter Specialists, Inc. 10244 FM 1346 Adkins, TX 78101

# SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

THERE ARE NO CLAUSES INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

THERE ARE NO CLAUSES INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION

#### PART II - CONTRACT CLAUSES

#### SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

# I.1 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

www.arnet.gov/far

# I. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) CLAUSES

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52.202-1	DEFINITIONS	MAY 2001
52.203-3	GRATUITIES	APR 1984
52.203-8	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND	JAN 1997
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52.203-10	PRICE OR FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR	JAN 1997
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52.203-12	LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO	JUN 1997
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52.204-4	PRINTED/COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON	AUG 2000
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52.209-6		JUL 1995
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52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	JUN 1998
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON DISABLED VETERANS AND VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA	JAN 1999
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN PURCHASES	JUL 2000
52.227-1	AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT	JUL 1995
52.229-3	FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES	JAN 1991
52.229-5	TAXES - CONTRACTS PERFORMED IN U.S. POSSESSIONS OR PUERTO RICO	APR 1984
52.232-17	INTEREST	JUN 1996
52.232-23	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	JAN 1986
52.233-1	DISPUTES	DEC 1998
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
52.242-13	BANKRUPTCY	JUL 1995
52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
52.253-1	COMPUTER GENERATED FORMS	JAN 1991

- I.2 52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAY 2001)
  - (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
    - (1) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (E.O. 11755).
    - (2) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (31 U.S.C. 3553).
  - (b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) which the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:
    - (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
    - (2) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Small Business Set-Aside (Jan 1999).
    - (3) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 1999) (if the

- offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer).
- (4) (i) 52.219-5, Very Small Business Set-Aside (Pub. L. 103-403, section 304, Small Business Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994).
  - (ii) Alternate I to 52.219-5
  - (iii) Alternate II to 52.219-5
- (5) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(2) and (3)).
- (6) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(4)).
- (7) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- (8) (i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).
  - (ii) Alternate I of 52.219-23.
- (9) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- (10) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Incentive Subcontracting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).
- (11) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- (12) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246).
- (13) 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era. (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (14) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (15) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (16) 52.222-19, Child Labor -- Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (E.O. 13126).
- (17) (i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered

- Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)).
- (ii) Alternate I of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)).
- (18) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).
- (19) (i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act--North American Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note).
  - (ii) Alternate I of 52.225-3.
  - (iii) Alternate II of 52.225-3.
- (20) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- (21) 52.225-13, Restriction on Certain Foreign Purchases (E.O. 12722, 12724, 13059, 13067, 13121, and 13129).
- (22) 52.225-15, Sanctioned European Union Country End Products (E.O. 12849).
- (23) 52.225-16, Sanctioned European Union Country Services (E.O. 12849).
- (24) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-- Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (25) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-- Other than Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (26) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- (27) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- (28) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241).
  - (ii) Alternate I of 52.247-64.
- (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, which the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:
  - (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
  - (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires

- (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act-Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act-Price Adjustment (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (5) 52.222-47, SCA Minimum Wages and Fringe Benefits Applicable to Successor Contract Pursuant to Predecessor Contractor Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records--Negotiation.
  - (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
  - (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
  - (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (e) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to include any FAR clause, other than those listed below (and as may be required by an addenda to this paragraph to establish the reasonableness of prices under Part 15), in a subcontract for commercial items or commercial components—

- (1) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246);
- (2) 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212);
- (3) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities
   (29 U.S.C. 793);
- (4) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241) (flow down not required for subcontracts awarded beginning May 1, 1996); and
- (5) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
- 1.3 52.219-4 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE
  FOR HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (JAN 1999)
  - (a) Definition. "HUBZone small business concern," as used in this clause, means a small business concern that appears on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration.
  - (b) Evaluation preference.
    - (1) Offers will be evaluated by adding a factor of 10 percent to the price of all offers, except--
      - (i) Offers from HUBZone small business concerns that have not waived the evaluation preference;

      - (iii) Otherwise successful offers of eligible products under the Trade Agreements Act when the dollar threshold for application of the Act is exceeded (see 25.402 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)); and
      - (iv) Otherwise successful offers where application of the factor would be inconsistent with a Memorandum of Understanding or other international agreement with a foreign government.
    - (2) The factor of 10 percent shall be applied on a line item basis or to any group of items on which award may be made. Other evaluation factors described in the solicitation shall be applied before application of the factor.
    - (3) A concern that is both a HUBZone small business concern and a small disadvantaged business concern will receive the benefit of both the HUBZone small business price evaluation preference and the small disadvantaged business price evaluation

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adjustment (see FAR clause 52.219-23). Each applicable price evaluation preference or adjustment shall be calculated independently against an offeror's base offer. These individual preference amounts shall be added together to arrive at the total evaluated price for that offer.

- (c) Waiver of evaluation preference. A HUBZone small business concern may elect to waive the evaluation preference, in which case the factor will be added to its offer for evaluation purposes. The agreements in paragraph (d) of this clause do not apply if the offeror has waived the evaluation preference.
  - [\_\_] Offeror elects to waive the evaluation preference.
- (d) Agreement. A HUBZone small business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for--
  - (1) Services (except construction), at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern or employees of other HUBZone small business concerns;
  - (2) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by the concern or other HUBZone small business concerns;
  - (3) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other HUBZone small business concerns; or
  - (4) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other HUBZone small business concerns.
- (e) A HUBZone joint venture agrees that in the performance of the contract, the applicable percentage specified in paragraph (d) of this clause will be performed by the HUBZone small business participant or participants.
- (f) A HUBZone small business concern nonmanufacturer agrees to furnish in performing this contract only end items manufactured or produced by HUBZone small business manufacturer concerns. This paragraph does not apply in connection with construction or service contracts.
- I.4 52.219-23 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS CONCERNS (MAY 2001)
  - (a) Definitions. As used in this clause--

#### I.4 (Continued)

"Small disadvantaged business concern" means an offeror that represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either--

- (1) It has received certification by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B; and
  - (i) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
  - (ii) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
  - (iii) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net).
- (2) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR part 124, subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted. In this case, in order to receive the benefit of a price evaluation adjustment, an offeror must receive certification as a small disadvantaged business concern by the Small Business Administration prior to contract award; or
- (3) Is a joint venture as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002(f).

"Historically black college or university" means an institution determined by the Secretary of Education to meet the requirements of 34 CFR 608.2. For the Department of Defense (DoD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Coast Guard, the term also includes any nonprofit research institution that was an integral part of such a college or university before November 14, 1986.

"Minority institution" means an institution of higher education meeting the requirements of Section 1046(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067k, including a Hispanic-serving institution of higher education, as defined in Section 316(b)(1) of the Act (20 U.S.C. 1101a)).

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"United States" means the United States, its territories and possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the District of Columbia.

- (b) Evaluation adjustment.
  - (1) The Contracting Officer will evaluate offers by adding a factor of percent to the price of all offers, except--
    - (i) Offers from small disadvantaged business concerns that have not waived the adjustment;
    - (ii) An otherwise successful offer of eligible products under the Trade Agreements Act when the dollar threshold for application of the Act is equaled or exceeded (see section 25.402 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR));
    - (iii) An otherwise successful offer where application of the factor would be inconsistent with a Memorandum of Understanding or other international agreement with a foreign government;
    - (iv) For DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard acquisitions, an otherwise successful offer from a historically black college or university or minority institution; and
    - (v) For DoD acquisitions, an otherwise successful offer of qualifying country end products (see sections 225.000-70 and 252.225-7001 of the Defense FAR Supplement).
  - (2) The Contracting Officer will apply the factor to a line item or a group of line items on which award may be made. The Contracting Officer will apply other evaluation factors described in the solicitation before application of the factor. The factor may not be applied if using the adjustment would cause the contract award to be made at a price that exceeds the fair market price by more than the factor in paragraph (b)(1) of this clause.
- (c) Waiver of evaluation adjustment. A small disadvantaged business concern may elect to waive the adjustment, in which case the factor will be added to its offer for evaluation purposes. The agreements in paragraph (d) of this clause do not apply to offers that waive the adjustment.
  - \_\_\_\_\_\_ Offeror elects to waive the adjustment.
- (d) Agreements.

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(1) A small disadvantaged business concern, that did not waive the adjustment, agrees that in performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for--

- (i) Services, except construction, at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern;
- (ii) Supplies (other than procurement from a nonmanufacturer of such supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by the concern;
- (iii) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by employees of the concern; or
- (iv) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by employees of the concern.
- (2) A small disadvantaged business concern submitting an offer in its own name agrees to furnish in performing this contract only end items manufactured or produced by small disadvantaged business concerns in the United States. This paragraph does not apply in connection with construction or service contracts.
- 1.5 52.232-34 PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER-OTHER THAN CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (MAY 1999)
  - (a) Method of payment.
    - (1) All payments by the Government under this contract shall be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this clause. As used in this clause, the term "EFT" refers to the funds transfer and may also include the payment information transfer.
    - (2) In the event the Government is unable to release one or more payments by EFT, the Contractor agrees to either--
      - (i) Accept payment by check or some other mutually agreeable method of payment; or
      - (ii) Request the Government to extend payment due dates until such time as the Government makes payment by EFT (but see paragraph (d) of this clause).
  - (b) Mandatory submission of Contractor's EFT information.

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(1) The Contractor is required to provide the Government with the information required to make payment by EFT (see paragraph (j) of this clause). The Contractor shall provide this information directly to the office designated in this contract to receive that information (hereafter: "designated office") no later than 15 days prior to submission of the first request for payment. If not otherwise specified in this contract, the payment office is the designated office for receipt of the Contractor's EFT information. If more than one designated office is named for the contract, the Contractor shall provide a separate notice to each office. In the event that the EFT information changes, the Contractor shall be responsible for providing the updated information to the designated office(s).

- (2) If the Contractor provides EFT information applicable to multiple contracts, the Contractor shall specifically state the applicability of this EFT information in terms acceptable to the designated office. However, EFT information supplied to a designated office shall be applicable only to contracts that identify that designated office as the office to receive EFT information for that contract.
- (c) Mechanisms for EFT payment. The Government may make payment by EFT through either the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, subject to the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association, or the Fedwire Transfer System. The rules governing Federal payments through the ACH are contained in 31 CFR part 210.
- (d) Suspension of payment. (1) The Government is not required to make any payment under this contract until after receipt, by the designated office, of the correct EFT payment information from the Contractor. Until receipt of the correct EFT information, any invoice or contract financing request shall be deemed not to be a proper invoice for the purpose of prompt payment under this contract. The prompt payment terms of the contract regarding notice of an improper invoice and delays in accrual of interest penalties apply.
  - (2) If the EFT information changes after submission of correct EFT information, the Government shall begin using the changed EFT information no later than 30 days after its receipt by the designated office to the extent payment is made by EFT. However, the Contractor may request that no further payments be made until the updated EFT information is implemented by the payment office. If such suspension would result in a late payment under the prompt payment terms of this contract, the Contractor's request for suspension shall extend the due date for payment by the number of days of the

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suspension.

(e) Liability for uncompleted or erroneous transfers. (1) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Government used the Contractor's EFT information incorrectly, the Government remains responsible for--

- (i) Making a correct payment;
- (ii) Paying any prompt payment penalty due; and
- (iii) Recovering any erroneously directed funds.
- (2) If an uncompleted or erroneous transfer occurs because the Contractor's EFT information was incorrect, or was revised within 30 days of Government release of the EFT payment transaction instruction to the Federal Reserve System, and--
  - (i) If the funds are no longer under the control of the payment office, the Government is deemed to have made payment and the Contractor is responsible for recovery of any erroneously directed funds; or
  - (ii) If the funds remain under the control of the payment office, the Government shall not make payment and the provisions of paragraph (d) shall apply.
- (f) EFT and prompt payment. A payment shall be deemed to have been made in a timely manner in accordance with the prompt payment terms of this contract if, in the EFT payment transaction instruction released to the Federal Reserve System, the date specified for settlement of the payment is on or before the prompt payment due date, provided the specified payment date is a valid date under the rules of the Federal Reserve System.
- (g) EFT and assignment of claims. If the Contractor assigns the proceeds of this contract as provided for in the assignment of claims terms of this contract, the Contractor shall require as a condition of any such assignment, that the assignee shall provide the EFT information required by paragraph (j) of this clause to the designated office, and shall be paid by EFT in accordance with the terms of this clause. In all respects, the requirements of this clause shall apply to the assignee as if it were the Contractor. EFT information that shows the ultimate recipient of the transfer to be other than the Contractor, in the absence of a proper assignment of claims acceptable to the Government, is incorrect EFT information within the meaning of paragraph (d) of this clause.
- (h) Liability for change of EFT information by financial

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agent. The Government is not liable for errors resulting from changes to EFT information provided by the Contractor's financial agent.

- (i) Payment information. The payment or disbursing office shall forward to the Contractor available payment information that is suitable for transmission as of the date of release of the EFT instruction to the Federal Reserve System. The Government may request the Contractor to designate a desired format and method(s) for delivery of payment information from a list of formats and methods the payment office is capable of executing. However, the Government does not guarantee that any particular format or method of delivery is available at any particular payment office and retains the latitude to use the format and delivery method most convenient to the Government. If the Government makes payment by check in accordance with paragraph (a) of this clause, the Government shall mail the payment information to the remittance address in the contract.
- (j) EFT information. The Contractor shall provide the following information to the designated office. The Contractor may supply this data for this or multiple contracts (see paragraph (b) of this clause). The Contractor shall designate a single financial agent per contract capable of receiving and processing the EFT information using the EFT methods described in paragraph (c) of this clause.
  - (1) The contract number (or other procurement identification number).
  - (2) The Contractor's name and remittance address, as stated in the contract(s).
  - (3) The signature (manual or electronic, as appropriate), title, and telephone number of the Contractor official authorized to provide this information.
  - (4) The name, address, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the Contractor's financial agent.
  - (5) The Contractor's account number and the type of account (checking, saving, or lockbox).
  - (6) If applicable, the Fedwire Transfer System telegraphic abbreviation of the Contractor's financial agent.
  - (7) If applicable, the Contractor shall also provide the name, address, telegraphic abbreviation, and 9-digit Routing Transit Number of the correspondent financial institution receiving the wire transfer payment if the Contractor's financial agent is not directly on-line to the Fedwire Transfer System; and, therefore, not the receiver of the wire transfer payment.

# PART III - LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

THERE ARE NO ATTACHMENTS IN THIS DOCUMENT

#### PART IV - REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

# SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

- K.1 52.203-2 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT PRICE
   DETERMINATION (APR 1985)
  - (a) The offeror certifies that--
    - (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit an offer, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered;
    - (2) The prices in this offer have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before bid opening (in the case of a sealed bid solicitation) or contract award (in the case of a negotiated solicitation) unless otherwise required by law; and
    - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
  - (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory--
    - (1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this bid or proposal, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; or
    - (2) (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision

[Insert full name of person(s) in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this bid or proposal, and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization];

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(ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2)(i) of this provision have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision; and

- (iii) As an agent, has not personally participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this provision.
- (c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) of this provision, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.
- K.2 52.203-11 CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE REGARDING
  PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS
  (APR 1991)
  - (a) The definitions and prohibitions contained in the clause, at FAR 52.203-12, Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, included in this solicitation, are hereby incorporated by reference in paragraph (b) of this certification.
  - (b) The offeror, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that on or after December 23, 1989--
    - (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
    - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB standard form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to the Contracting Officer; and

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(3) He or she will include the language of this certification in all subcontract awards at any tier and require that all recipients of subcontract awards in excess of \$100,000 shall certify and disclose accordingly.

- (c) Submission of this certification and disclosure is a prerequisite for making or entering into this contract imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000, and not more than \$100,000, for each such failure.
- K.3 52.204-5 WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS (OTHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS) (MAY 1999)
  - (a) Definition. Women-owned business concern, as used in this provision, means a concern that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.
  - (b) Representation. [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and has not represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representations, of this solicitation.] The offeror represents that it [\_] is a women-owned business concern.
- K.4 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (JAN 2001) [This date stayed indefinitely. Please use the provision date below.] 52.209-5 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (APR 2001)
  - (a) (1) The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--
    - (i) The Offeror and/or any of its Principals--
      - (A) Are [\_] are not [\_] presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
      - (B) Have [\_] have not [\_], within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal

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offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; [This language stayed indefinitely. Please use paragraph (a)(1)(i)(D) below.]

- (C) Are [\_] are not [\_] presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(B) of this provision. [This language stayed indefinitely. Please use paragraph (a)(1)(i)(E) below.]
- (D) Have [\_] Have not [\_], within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and
- (E) Are [\_] are not [\_] presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (a)(1)(i)(D) of this provision.
- (ii) (A) [This paragraph (a)(1)(ii) is stayed
   indefinitely.] The Offeror, aside from the
   offenses enumerated in paragraphs
   (a)(1)(i)(A), (B), and (C) of this provision,
   has [\_] has not [\_] within the past three
   years, relative to tax, labor and employment,
   environmental, antitrust, or consumer
   protection laws--
  - (1) Been convicted of a Federal or State felony (or has any Federal or State felony indictments currently pending against

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them); or

(2) Had a Federal court judgment in a civil case brought by the United States rendered against them; or

- (3) Had an adverse decision by a Federal administrative law judge, board, or commission indicating a willful violation of law.
- (B) If the offeror has responded affirmatively, the offeror shall provide additional information if requested by the Contracting Officer; and
- (iii) The Offeror has [\_] has not [\_], within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any Federal agency.
- (2) "Principals," for the purposes of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and, persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segment, and similar positions).

THIS CERTIFICATION CONCERNS A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE MAKING OF A FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATION MAY RENDER THE MAKER SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.

- (b) The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (c) A certification that any of the items in paragraph (a) of this provision exists will not necessarily result in withholding of an award under this solicitation. However, the certification will be considered in connection with a determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a certification or provide such additional information as requested by the Contracting Officer may render the Offeror nonresponsible.
- (d) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by paragraph (a) of this provision. The knowledge and information of an

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Offeror is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

- (e) The certification in paragraph (a) of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making award. If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the Contracting Officer may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation for default.
- K.5 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS --COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2001) [This date stayed indefinitely. Please use provision date below.] 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS --COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAY 2001) Alternate III (OCT 2000)
  - (a) Definitions. As used in this provision:
    - "Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.
    - "Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service--
    - (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or
    - (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.
    - "Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--
    - (1) Means a small business concern--
      - (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
      - (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
    - (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

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"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.
- "Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--
- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

- (b) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)
  - (1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5)of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
  - (2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904,

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the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.

(3)	Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
	[_] TIN:
	[_] TIN has been applied for.
	[_] TIN is not required because:
	[_] Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;
	<pre>[_] Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;</pre>
	[_] Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.
(4)	Type of organization.
	[_] Sole proprietorship;
	[_] Partnership;
	<pre>[_] Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);</pre>
	<pre>[_] Corporate entity (tax-exempt);</pre>
	[_] Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
	[_] Foreign government;
	[_] International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
	[_] Other
(5)	Common parent.
	<pre>[_] Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common     parent;</pre>
	[_] Name and TIN of common parent:
	Name
	TIN

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(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is to be performed inside the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia. Check all that apply.

- (1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a small business concern.
- (2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
- (4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

- (6) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it [\_] is a women-owned business concern.
- (7) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

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(8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

- (i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the four designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not an emerging small business.
- (ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or four designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:
  - (A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or
  - (B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees Average Annual Gross Revenues

- (9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

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(i) General. The offeror represents that either--

- (A) It [\_] is, [\_] is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or
- (B) It [\_] has, [\_] has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.
- (10) (Used only in Alternate I)
- (11) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that--
  - (i) It [\_] is, [\_] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business

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Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal place of ownership, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and

(ii) It [\_] is, [\_] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(11)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. >\_[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture:

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Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

- (d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246--
  - (1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that--
    - (i) It [\_] has, [\_] has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and
    - (ii) It [\_] has, [\_] has not filed all required compliance reports.
  - (2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that—
    - (i) It [\_] has developed and has on file, [\_] has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or
    - (ii) It [\_] has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.
- (e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief

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that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

- (f) Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program Certificate.

  (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)
  - (1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.
  - (2) Foreign End Products:

LINE	ITEM	NO.			COUNTRY	OF	ORIGIN	
		(List	as	neces	sary)			

- (3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.
- (g) (1) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program
  Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR
  52.225-3, Buy American Act--North American Free Trade
  Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments
  Program, is included in this solicitation.)
  - (i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

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(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are NAFTA country end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

NAFTA Country or Israeli End Products:

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(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products

LINE	ITEM	NO.			COUNTRY	OF	ORIGIN	
		 (List	as	neces	sarv)			

- (iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.
- (2) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program Certificate, Alternate I (Feb 2000). If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:
- (g) (1) (ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American" (3)

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Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

Canadian End Products

		:	LINE	ITEM	NO.	
(List	as	necessary	)			 

- (3) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program Certificate, Alternate II (Feb 2000). If Alternate II to the clause FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:
- (g) (1) (ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

Canadian or Israeli End Products

LINE	ITEM	NO.			COUNTRY	OF	ORIGIN	
		(List	as	neces	sary)			

- (4) Trade Agreements Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)
  - (i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."
  - (ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products.

Other End Products

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(List as	necessary)			

- (iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items subject to the Trade Agreements Act, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act or the Balance of Payments Program. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.
- (h) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--
  - (1) The offeror and/or any of its principals [\_] are, [\_] are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
  - (2) [\_] Have, [\_] have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property;
  - (3) [\_] Are, [\_] are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses; and
  - (4) (i) The offeror, aside from the offenses enumerated in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this paragraph (h), [\_] has [\_] has not within the past three years, relative to tax, labor and employment,

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environmental, antitrust, or consumer protection
laws--

- (A) Been convicted of a Federal or state felony (or has any Federal or state felony indictments currently pending against them); or
- (B) Had a Federal court judgment in a civil case brought by the United States rendered against them; or
- (C) Had an adverse decision by a Federal administrative law judge, board, or commission indicating a willful violation of law.
- (ii) If the offeror has responded affirmatively, the offeror shall provide additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. [This language stayed indefinitely. Please use paragraph (i) below.]
- (i) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549). The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that--
  - (1) The offeror and/or any of its principals [\_] are, [\_] are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and
  - (2) [\_] Have, [\_] have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and [\_] are, [\_] are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.
- (j) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (j)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]
  - (1) Listed end products.

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Listed End Product

Listed Countries of Origin

- (2) Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (j)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (j)(2)(i) or (j)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]
  - [\_] (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (j)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.
  - [\_] (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (j)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

# K.6 52.215-6 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE (OCT 1997)

- (a) The offeror or respondent, in the performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation, [] intends, [] does not intend [check applicable block] to use one or more plants or facilities located at a different address from the address of the offeror or respondent as indicated in this proposal or response to request for information.
- (b) If the offeror or respondent checks "intends" in paragraph (a) of this provision, it shall insert in the following spaces the required information:

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Place of Performance (Street Address, City, State, County, Zip Code)	Name and Address of Owner and Operator of the Plant or Facility if Other than Offeror or Respondent			

# K.7 52.219-1 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIONS (MAY 2001) Alternate I (OCT 2000)

- (a) (1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 441229.
  - (2) The small business size standard is no more than \$07.5 MILLION average annual receipts for an offeror's preceding 3 FYs.
  - (3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.
- (b) Representations.
  - (1) The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is,
     [ ] is not a small business concern.
  - (2) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it [\_] is, [\_] is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
  - (3) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a women-owned small business concern.
  - (4) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
  - (5) [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (b)(4) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [\_] is, [\_] is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
  - (6) [Complete only if offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--

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(i) It [\_] is, [\_] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office of ownership, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It [\_] is, [\_] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (b)(6)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture:

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Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(c) Definitions. As used in this provision--

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--

- (1) Means a small business concern--
  - (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
  - (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and the size standard in paragraph (a) of this provision.

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"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned small business concern," means a small business concern--

- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

# (d) Notice.

- (1) If this solicitation is for supplies and has been set aside, in whole or in part, for small business concerns, then the clause in this solicitation providing notice of the set-aside contains restrictions on the source of the end items to be furnished.
- (2) Under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a firm's status as a small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, or women-owned small business concern in order to obtain a contract to be awarded under the preference programs established pursuant to section 8(a), 8(d), 9, or 15 of the Small Business Act or any other provision of Federal law that specifically references section 8(d) for a definition of program eligibility, shall--
  - (i) Be punished by imposition of fine, imprisonment, or both;
  - (ii) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
  - (iii) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Act.

# K.8 52.219-22 SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS STATUS (OCT 1999)

(a) General. This provision is used to assess an offeror's small disadvantaged business status for the purpose of obtaining a benefit on this solicitation. Status as a small

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business and status as a small disadvantaged business for general statistical purposes is covered by the provision at FAR 52.219-1, Small Business Program Representation.

- (b) Representations.
  - (1) General. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a small business under the size standard applicable to this acquisition; and either—
    - [\_] (i) It has received certification by the Small
       Business Administration as a small disadvantaged
       business concern consistent with 13 CFR 124,
       Subpart B; and
      - (A) No material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification;
      - (B) Where the concern is owned by one or more disadvantaged individuals, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); and
      - (C) It is identified, on the date of its representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net); or
    - [\_] (ii) It has submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.
  - (2) [\_] For Joint Ventures. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements at 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (b)(1) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_\_.]
- (c) Penalties and Remedies. Anyone who misrepresents any aspects of the disadvantaged status of a concern for the purposes of securing a contract or subcontract shall--

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- (1) Be punished by imposition of a fine, imprisonment, or both;
- (2) Be subject to administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment; and
- (3) Be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act.

The offeror represents that--

- (a) It [] has, [] has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation;
- (b) It [] has, [] has not filed all required compliance reports; and
- (c) Representations indicating submission of required compliance reports, signed by proposed subcontractors, will be obtained before subcontract awards.
- K.10 52.222-25 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE (APR 1984)

The offeror represents that

- (a) It [] has developed and has on file, [] has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1 and 60-2); or
- (b) It [ ] has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.
- K.11 AGAR 452.222-70 COMPLIANCE WITH VETERANS EMPLOYMENT
  REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (JAN 1999) (DEVIATION)(USDA)
  - (a) The Offeror represents that, if it is subject to the reporting requirements of 38 U.S.C. 4212 (d)(i.e., the VETS-100 report required by FAR clause 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era), it has [], has not[], submitted the most recent report required by 38 U.S.C. 4212(d).
  - (b) An offeror who checks "has not" may not be awarded a contract until the required report is filed.

# SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

# L.1 52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

www.arnet.gov/far

I. FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1) PROVISIONS

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
52.204-6	DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER	JUN 1999
52.212-1	INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS COMMERCIAL ITEMS	OCT 2000

# L.2 52.216-1 TYPE OF CONTRACT (APR 1984)

The Government contemplates award of a firm-fixed price contract resulting from this solicitation.

# L.3 52.233-2 SERVICE OF PROTEST (AUG 1996)

(a) Protests, as defined in Section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

José-Luis Gallagher

USDA, MRP-BS Contracting Butler Square, Fifth Floor 100 North Sixth Street Mpls., MN 55403

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

# L.4 AGAR 452.204-70 INQUIRIES (FEB 1988)

Inquiries and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Contracting Officer. Offerors should contact only the Contracting Officer issuing the solicitation about any aspect of this requirement prior to contract award.

- L.5 AGAR 452.215-71 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS PROPOSALS (SEP 1999)
  - (a) General Instructions. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.
    - (1) The proposal must include a technical proposal and business proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost; however, resource information (such as data concerning labor hours and categories, materials, subcontracts, etc.) must be contained in the technical proposal so that the contractor's understanding of the statement of work may be evaluated.
    - (2) Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this RFP, must be clearly identified.
    - (3) The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in Section M of this RFP.
    - (4) Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:
      - (a) 1 copy of the completed, signed offer (Sections A through K of the solicitation package)
      - (b) 1 copy of the technical proposal
      - (c) 1 copy of the business/cost proposal
  - (b) Technical Proposal Instructions.

The technical proposal will be used to make an evaluation and arrive at a determination as to whether the proposal will meet the requirements of the Government. Therefore, the technical proposal must present sufficient information to reflect a thorough understanding of the requirements and a detailed, description of the techniques, procedures and program for achieving the objectives of the specifications/statement of work. Proposals which merely paraphrase the requirements of the Government's specifications/statement of work, or use such phrases as "will comply" or "standard techniques will be

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employed" will be considered unacceptable and will not be considered further. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following:

- (c) Business Proposal Instructions.
  - (1) Cost Proposal.

In addition to any other requirements for cost/pricing information required in clause FAR 52.215-20, Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data or Information Other Than Cost of Pricing Data (OCT 1997), the following is required:

- (2) Business Proposal.
  - (a) Furnish financial statements for the last two years, including an interim statement for the current year, unless previously provided to the office issuing the RFP, in which case a statement as to when and where this information was provided may be furnished instead.
  - (b) Specify the financial capacity, working capital and other resources available to perform the contract without assistance from any outside source.
  - (c) Provide the name, location, and intercompany pricing policy for other divisions, subsidiaries, parent company, or affiliated companies that will perform work or furnish materials under this contract.
- L.6 AGAR 452.215-72 AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS (FEB 1988)

Any changes to a proposal made by the offeror after its initial submittal shall be accomplished by replacement pages. Changes from the original page shall be indicated on the outside margin by vertical lines adjacent to the change. The offeror shall include the date of the amendment on the lower right corner of the changed pages.

L.7 AGAR 452.219-70 SIZE STANDARD AND NAICS CODE INFORMATION (NOV 1996) (AGAR DEVIATION)

The North American Industrial Classification System (NAIC) Code(s) and business size standard(s) describing the products and/or services to be acquired under this solicitation are listed below:

Contract line item(s): 1
-- NAICS Code 441229

-- Size Standard no more than \$07.5 MILLION average annual receipts for an offeror's preceeding 3 Fys.

### SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

# M.1 52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 1999)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforms to the solicitation requirements and represents the best value to the Government, technical quality and cost or price and other price-related factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: Remaining time on retirement items and items to be overhauled, proximity of contractor facility and optional equipment. For this solicitation, the combined weight of technical factors is more important than cost or price and other price-related factors.

The technical evaluation factors and subfactors listed below are in descending order of importance:

- 1. Remaining time on retirement items and items to be overhauled
- 2. Optional equipment